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**I KNOW!**

## Let's Get App-y

### National Geographic World Atlas & Socrative

#### National Geographic World Atlas

A nice atlas app that lets you measure distances on a globe, set up points of interest, places to visit, or places you have visited. Each student can color code the pins they place on the map for different places or lists of places. This also includes a currency calculator for students to use. Nice atlas app for those that use or need atlases for their classes. **(\$1.99)**

#### Socrative – [www.socrative.com](http://www.socrative.com)

A student response system that allows you to question your students in a variety of ways without having to purchase & maintain expensive equipment or enter in random codes to relay the information to the instructor/system. Get quick responses via T/F, multiple choice/scale, or short answer prompts; avoid indecipherable "exit tickets" by having students submit their daily learning in electronic exit tickets; motivate competitive learners with games. It only takes a minute to set up a class, direct your students to the designated room number & start to collect your data! **(free)**

**SPED Learners – I Know** – A great game to play to address categorization as well as word recall. Each player (from two to eight, perfect for groups) tries to be the first to tap the screen & answer letter & category combinations. "S" & "Superhero" may equal "Superman," while "O" & "boy's name" might get the answer "Oscar." The categories include cities, actors/actresses, three letter words, & more. It does contain ads, but the ads don't play if you have no Internet connection. **(Free)**

# Do You Google? – Calendars

Since we will soon be using Google for everything including email, documents, etc..., this month let's talk about Google Calendar. It is very easy to use the calendar. Once you click on the calendar tab, then you can name the calendar. To add events just click once in the date that you want & type in your meeting or event. You can then edit the event & color code the events if you need to.

Once you have set up the calendar it can be shared with anyone that you wish to have it. You can also let the people you share it with to edit the calendar or just to edit it. We use Google Calendar at the Middle School to keep track of the mobile laptop carts. The calendar is shared with the teachers who need to make sure the carts are distributed to the right teachers at this time.

## Websites 2 Check Out

### Blocked Pages & NBC Learn

#### What to do with Blocked Pages

Have you noticed when you try to go to iTunes or the App Store on your iPhone/iPad that it doesn't load? Yes that means you are blocked, but there is an easy way for you to get around it. The pages are blocked because of our web filter, but available to teachers.

First, go to a blocked webpage on your device. Websites like – Gmail, YouTube, etc... Once you get to a blocked page with our district logo, up in the left hand corner you will see, **Currently logged in as unknown. (Not you?).** Click on **Not you?**, & you will be taken to a login page. Just login with your school username & password. You can now open iTunes & the App Store & download away.

#### NBC Learn – [bit.ly/IcokkDi](http://bit.ly/IcokkDi)

- **Pros:** free activities/lessons, access to archives (w/ paid), transcripts of video
- **Cons:** subscription fee for full access, not all free videos have lessons

As one of the major networks, NBC news has been around, over time & around the globe, & their archives of historical footage are second-to-none. Combined with extensive lessons linked to national standards you have engaging teaching opportunities at your fingertips. Some videos have lessons addressing several strands or subjects, & lessons run the gambit from K-12 - some with reproducibles.

**Samples:** *Titanic, Science of Football, Writers Speak, Sustainability: Water, Science of Innovation.*

